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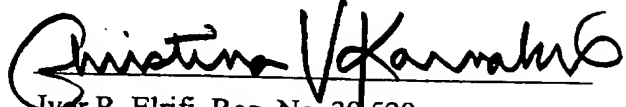
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**REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for agreeing to a telephonic interview to discuss these proposed claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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